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In re: Tae-joong Song

Serial No.: 10/783,481

Filed: February 20, 2004

Confirmation No.: 1306

For: MEMORY DEVICES HAVING BIT LINE PRECHARGE CIRCUITS WITH OFF  
CURRENT PRECHARGE CONTROL AND ASSOCIATED BIT LINE  
PRECHARGE METHODS

May 24, 2004

Office of Patent Legal Administration  
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**PETITION TO ACCORD THE PROPER FILING DATE**

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As set forth in 37 CFR § 1.10(c) and MPEP § 506.02, Applicant hereby petitions to grant the proper filing date of February 20, 2004 rather than February 23, 2004 for the above-identified patent application as this was the date the application was deposited as "Express Mail" in the U.S. Postal Service. The following is enclosed as evidence of February 20, 2004 being the correct filing date for the application, which was properly filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10:

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This petition is being filed promptly after Applicant became aware of the improperly accorded filing date. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the granting of February 20, 2004 as the filing date pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.10.

On the basis that Applicant properly followed the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.10 and the USPTO failed to accord the proper filing date under MPEP § 505 and thus the need to file this petition is due to error on the part of the USPTO, it is applicant's belief that no fee is due with this petition. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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 and claims priority to Korean Patent Application Serial No. 10-2003-36748; filed June 9, 2003.

Inventor(s) or Application Identifier:

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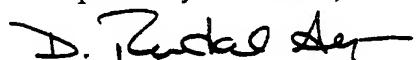
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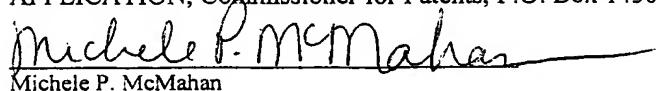
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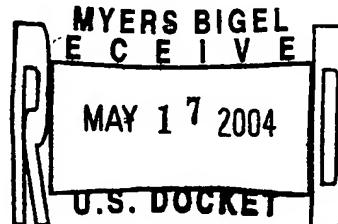


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